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**2013 Specialty Crop Block Grant  
Proposal Evaluation Sheet**

**Title of Project:**

**MDARD Project #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Funds Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSAL GRADING CRITERIA**

Please rate the following areas using the following 5 point scale: Low: 1-2 Average: 3-4 High: 5

1. Project Purpose	Maximum Points	Points Received
How well does the applicant define the need for and the purpose of the project?	5	
Rate the achievability of the project.	5	
Rate the level of the project's timeliness and importance.	5	
2. Potential Impact		
How effective will the project be at enhancing the competitiveness of the specialty crops industry?	5	
Rate the positive impact this project will have for Michigan specialty crops.	5	
Does the applicant clearly demonstrate how the project will have an impact on more than one grower?	5	
Rate the ability of the project to have an impact within the next five years.	5	
3. Expected Measurable Outcomes		
How well does the measurable outcome support the project's purpose?	5	
Rate the level of attainability of the measurable outcomes.	5	
Rate the level of outcomes as a direct benefit to the beneficiaries.	5	
4. Work Plan		
How well do the activities relate to the objectives and goals?	5	
How well do the activities match the needs or problems that are being addressed?	5	
Rate the appropriateness of the key activities.	5	
Rate the timeline associated with each activity.	5	
5. Budget	5	

Rate the reasonableness of the requested budget and individual line items.	<b>5</b>	
Rate the reasonableness of the budget and include industry support of the project.	<b>5</b>	
Rate the expected benefits commensurate with the total investment.	<b>5</b>	
<b>6. Sustainability</b>		
Rate the level of lasting benefits after the end of the project.	<b>5</b>	
<b>7. Additional Information</b>		
Rate the level of support this project demonstrates; are stakeholders actively involved or have they pledged their support of the project's goals?	<b>5</b>	
Rate the degree of proposed project innovation including use of novel methods and approaches.	<b>5</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	

Application reviewed by:

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Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK – FARM BILL GRANT PROGRAM  
2012 PROPOSAL GRADE SHEET**

**STRENGTHS / WEAKNESSES**

What are some of the strengths and/or weaknesses of this proposal?

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**COMMENTS**

Please provide any additional comments, questions, or concerns you have regarding this project.

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**Previous Performance Criteria (submitted by MDARD Staff)**

1. Is this applicant a previous SCBG sub-grantee? Yes/No
2. If this is a previous SCBG sub-grantee:
  - Is this a multi-year project? Yes/No
  - Has the sub-grantee been timely in their reporting to MDARD? Yes/No
  - Has the sub-grantee been responsive to inquiries from MDARD? Yes/No